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Nigeria: In a new peace initiative, Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie has proposed to both sides that a temporary cease-fire be declared and that negotiations begin without preconditions. Ivory Coast President Houphouet-Boigny, a Biafra supporter, claims the Nigerians have already agreed to the proposal, and he is urging the secessionists to accept. It is doubtful, however, that the federal leaders have accepted all aspects of the Emperor's proposal. Moreover, the Biafrans will probably be suspicious of any initiative coming from Haile Selassie, who, as chairman of the Organization of African Unity's committee on Nigeria, remains identified with its pro-federal stand. Even if the Emperor does succeed in getting some Nigerians and Biafrans together once again, there is still no sign that either side is willing to compromise on the fundamental issues that divide them.

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East Germany: Brezhnev and leaders of all the Warsaw Pact countries except Romania are gathered in East Berlin to celebrate East Germany's 20th anniversary. A demonstration of support for the Ulbricht regime is probably the primary purpose of such a turnout, but it also gives the leaders a chance to compare notes on a variety of topics. These include the Kosygin - Chou En-lai talks, Vietnam, the Czechoslovak situation, European security, and the implications of the new coalition in West Germany. The 76-year-old Ulbricht was described as "looking fit and natty" when he inaugurated a color television station last Friday. The ceremonies will continue through today.

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